MINUTES

OF THE

ONE HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association

1946

HELD WITH

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH

RANDOLPH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15, 1946

OFFICERS

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator

BROTHER W. E. LUCUS, Clerk

PRESTON HELMS, Assistant Clerk

ELDER C. M. MILLS, Reading Clerk

BROTHER ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fourteenth session of The Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association convened with Pleasant Hill church, Randolph County, North Carolina, on Friday, September 13, 1946 and continued through Saturday and Sunday.

The congregation assembled in the house at 10:45 a. m. and engaged in songs of praise, after which services continued with prayer by Elder C. M. Mills, of Charlotte, N. C., followed with introductory sermon by Elder V. V. Willard of High Point, N. C., pastor of Pleasant Hill church. Text: The True Light.

After an hour for serving refreshments, the Association met in the house, sang songs of praise, then continued with prayer by Elder T. L. Webb, of Milan, Tennessee.

Messengers and Brethren then proceeded to business in the following order:

Elder V. V. Willard, pastor of Pleasant Hill church served as moderator and Erother W. E. Lucas, Clerk of Pleasant Hill church, served as Clerk, and called Preston Helms as Assistant Clerk and also, Elder C. M. Mills and Robert Horne to assist as Reading Clerk.

1. Invited all orderly Baptists who are in good standing in their home churches to seats with us.

2. Called for letters from Sister Churches, which were handed in, read and their status noted.

Pleasant Hill church represented by full membership.

High Hill: Brethren M. C. Mills, N. W. Williams, S. H. Edwards and Earl Presley.

Pleasant Grove: Brethren J. M. Williams, J. M. Taylor, Adam Tarlton and A. E. Broom.

Union Grove: Brethren S. W. Medlin, Bryce Baucom, Loyd Outen and J. O. Barbee.

Liberty Hill: Brethren Ellis Honeycutt, John Harwood, Craven Furr and Fred Lee Honeycutt.

Mountain Creek: Brethren G. C. Medlin, Virgil Solomen, Cicero Taylor and Willie Solomen.

Union: Brethren Gray Johnson, John Thomas, W. R. Coley and Brady Polk.

Bethel: Brethren W. J. McLamb, W. C. Benton, T. L. Bell and others.

Lawyers Springs: Brethren James Horne, P. A. Griffin, Ed M. Greene and F. B. Sanders.

High Point: Brethren Limuel Morfield, C. C. Willard, Andrew King and Luther Caughron.

Mills Chapel: Brethren Leonard Baucom, Lee Nance, C. J. Mullis and Floyd Simpson.

Meadow Creek: Brethren R. M. Hatley, N. D. Hathcock, Charlie Furr and D. M. Hathcock.

Watson: Brethren F. O. Helms, J. T. Simpson, H. N. Curlee and E. V. Baucom.

3. Called for petitionary letters. None presented.

4. The moderator, Elder V. V. Willard, was authorized to appoint committees on Preaching and Finance.

Committee on Preaching: Elder C. M. Mills, Brethren S. L. Arrington, Elsie Auman, Loyd Outen, and Ellis Honeycutt.

Committee on Finance: Brethren Alphus Auman, Rankin Richardson, Martin Mills, L. E. Morfield and Robert Horne.

5. Called on Presbyteries to report.

Elder V. V. Willard reported that he and Elders C. M. Mills and Elbert Holdern and a number of deacons formed a presbytery at Watson church and ordained Brother Hoyle Simpson to the full work of the Gospel Ministry on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July.

Elder V. V. Willard also reported that he and Elder C. M. Mills and a number of Deacon formed a presbytery at Pleasant Hill church and ordained Brethren Rankin Richardson and Elsie Auman as Deacons of Pleasant Hill church on Saturday night before the third Sunday in June 1946.

6. Invited Messengers and Visitors from corresponding associations to seats with us.

Silver Creek: Elders Henry McMillon and L. L. Huffman and Sisters Mary Huffman and Ann Huffman.

Dan River: Elders W. H. Oaks, T. L. Wilson, J. R. Wilson, J. D. Hopkins and F. F. Eggleston. Brethren John L. Wilson and wife, S. F. Wilson and wife, W. C. Winn, W. H. Keatts and others.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Stephenson and E. L. Furgeson and Brethren D. R. Clifton, J. D. Stancil and R. F. Smith.

Little River of Georgia: Elder D. S. Moore.

South Arkansas: No intelligence.

Mt. Zion: Elder W. O. Hunt.

Tennessee: Nolachucky. Minutes.

Sequachie Valley and Collins River: Minutes.

7. Invited Brethren and Sisters from Sister Associations who do not carry formal correspondence with this Association to seats with us.

Original Towaliga: Elders E. D. Spears and J. P. S. Stephens.

Big Sandy: Elder T. L. Webb.

Providence church in Kansas: Elder Elbert Holdren and wife.

8. Appointed Messengers to visit Sister Associations.

Silver Creek: Elders V. V. Willard and Hoyle Simpson.

Dan River: Elder V. V. Willard.

Little River of North Carolina: Elders V. V. Willard and Hoyle Simpson.

Little River of Georgia: Elders V. V. Willard and C. M. Mills.

South Arkansas: Minutes.

Mt. Zion: Elder Mills.

Tennessee-Nolachucky: Elder C. M. Mills.

Sequachie-Valley and Collins River: Minutes and visitors if possible.

9. Agreed to continue correspondence with all churches and associations with whom we now correspond.

10. On motion Brother Ellis Honeycutt was appointed to write corresponding letters to be printed in the Minutes of this Association.

11. Unanimously agreed to adjourn until Saturday, September 14th at 9:30 o'clock.

Benediction by Elder E. D. Spears, of Conley, Ga.

SATURDAY A. M.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Association met in the house at 9:45 o'clock. After songs of praise and prayer by Elder J. S. Stephenson of Benson, N. C., proceeded to business as follows:

12. Called on Finance Committee to report. Reported sent in by churches and friends, $459.25.

13. Unanimously aggreed to distribute corresponding minutes as usual.

14. Corresponding letter called for, read and adopted.

15. On motion it was unanimously agreed that we hold the next session of the Association with High Hill church, Union county, North Carolina.

Beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1947 and continue through Saturday and Sunday and that the pastor of High Hill church preach the introductory sermon.

16. On motion agreed that we have 800 copies of this Minute printed and distributed as usual, and that Brother Preston Helms superintend the printing and distributing of same and that we allow $50 for his services and printing.

17. By motion we agree that all funds above $50 allowed for printing and distributing minutes be distributed to ministers present.

18. By unanimous consent the Association returns thanks to God for His mercy and to the Brethren and Sisters and friends of this church and vicinity for their hospitality and entertainment, and wish to express our many thands to Mr. Lucas, of Asheboro, for the use of a truck load of chairs during this Association.

19. On motion agreed to adjourn to time and place above mentioned.

Benediction by Elder J. R. Wilson, of Martinsville, Va.

ELDER V. V. WILLARD, Moderator.
BROTHER W. E. LUCUS, Clerk.
PRESTON HELMS, Assistant Clerk.
ELDER C. M. MILLS, and
BROTHER ROBERT HORNE, Reading Clerks.

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY, A M.

Elder V. V. Willard: The True Light.

FRIDAY P. M.

Elder T. L. Wilson. Failed to get text.
Elder D. S. Mcore. Failed to get text.

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder E. D. Spears. Heb. 12: 12-17.
Elder W. H. Oaks. Matt. 25: 1-2.

SATURDAY A. M.

Elder Elbert Holdren. John 6: 29.
Elder J. R. Wilson. Rev. 21: 9.
Elder T. L. Webb. 2nd Peter 3: 18.

SATURDAY P. M.

Elder J. P. S. Stephens. Psalms 65: 4.
Elder W. H. Oaks. Isiah 55: 1.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, Ephesians 2:1-3.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder W. O. Hunt. No special text.
Elder J. D. Hopkins: Has The Lord Forgotten To Be Gracious.

SUNDAY A. M.

Elder Henry McMillon, Matt. 7: 13-14.
Elder E. D. Spears, Rev. 1: 5-6.
Elder J. T. Lewis. Philippians 2: 12-13.

SUNDAY P. M.

Elder W. O. Hunt, Prov. 25:25.
Elder C. M. Mills, Matt. 28: 20.

IN MEMORY OF ELDERS O. C. MULLIS AND S. F. HEATH

Elder O. C. Mullis died February 20, 1946.

Brother Mullis joined Union Grove Primitive Baptist church in 1916 and moved his membership to Watson church the same year.

On Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1945 Watson church liberated him to exercise in the Bear Creek Association and on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October 1926 he was ordained to the full work of the ministry.

A good man from us is gone.

We bow in humble submission to the death of this true and faithful Brother.

May the Lord bless us, his family and all his friends is our humble prayer.

Elder S. F. Heath departed this life August 1946.

Brother Heath was born August 18, 1873, and had been a member of the Primitive Baptist church for forty-seven years, being an ordained minister forty-three years.

Brother Heath was a charter member of Union Primitive Baptist church, organized at Rock Hill, S. C. in 1924. The church later moved to Mt. Holly, N. C., and then to McAdenville, N. C.

Elder Heath was a faithful member of this church until death.

May the Lord bless all the bereaved.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder W. H. Oaks, Dryfork, Va.
Elder J. R. Wilson, Danville, Va.
Elder J. D. Hopkins, Box 292, Schoolfield, Va.
Elder F. F. Eggleston, Martinsville, Va.
Elder T. L. Wilson, R1, Ridgeway, Va.
Elder J. T. Lewis, R2, Angier, N. C.
Elder J. S. Stephenson, R2 Benson.
Elder E. L. Furgeson, R2 Angier, N. C.
Elder E. D. Spears, Conley, Ga.
Elder Henry McMillon, R-6, Lenoir, N. C.
Elder L. L. Huffman, Asheville, N. C.
Elder J. S. P. Stephens, R9, Box 299, Atlanta, Ga.
Elder T. L. Webb, Milan, Tenn.
Elder D. S. Moore, Alpharette, Ga.
Elder W. H. Lewis, Keeling, Va.
Elder Elbert Holdren, Syracuse, Kan.
Elder W. O. Hunt, R7, Cullman, Ala.

HOME MINISTERS

Elder C. M. Mills, R1, Box 124, Charlotte, N. C.
Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.
Elder Hoyle Simpson, R4, Concord, N. C.
Elder C. H. White, Wadesboro, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Brother Brooklyn Willard.
Brother Paul Jones, R1, Charlotte, N. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Handed in by churches and friends	$459.25
Allowed for clerk and minutes	50.00
Distributed to ministers present	409.25

CORRESPONDING LETTER

To the Churches and Messengers composing the Original Bear Creek Association, and all of our Corresponding and Visiting Brethren, Greetings.

Through the kind and tender mercies of our dear Savior we are again blessed to meet and made to rejoice to see the peace, love and sweet fellowship manifested. The ministers all coming

in their own way rightly dividing the word of truth, preaching that sinners are saved by the sovereign grace of God, and blessings in obedience here in time. We thank God for our ministers, who are laboring to keep peace and unity among the brethren. Christ said before he left this world, peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. How wonderful to meet together in peace, love and sweet fellowship of esteeming one another better than ourselves. So let us follow after the things that make for peace. To our corresponding and visiting brethren from other associations we welcome you, come any time you can and will, for we love you for Christ's sake. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue to bless our coming together at this meeting and all our future meetings and we hope when we come to the end of the way we may meet on the other side of sweet deliverence to sing his praise for ever and ever.

Humbly submitted in love,

ELLIS HUNEYCUTT.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one living and true God; the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Article 3. We believe that the scripture of the Old and New Testament contain the only written revealed word of God and the perfect rule of faith and practice for God's Church in her militant state while here on earth.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of election: that God chose His Church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Article 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Article 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Article 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Article 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and His righteousness only.

Article 9. We believe that God's elect or Church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Article 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Article 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or

opinions of men. We believe in feet washing, as taught by our Saviour in St. John 13: 4-17.

Article 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptized, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular presbytery.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and unjust, and a general judgment.

Article 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

RULES GOVERNING THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1st. We understand that at whatever church this Association is being held, that it is being held solely under the authority of that church, just as any other regular or monthly conference.

2nd. That the officers and sufrages of that church shall be the officers and voice of the Association, except as that church may deem prudent to request any member of another church to assist in the business transactions of the Association.

3rd. This Association shall have no authority to pass upon any question of a disciplinary nature except it has first been passed upon by the local churches composing this Association, then the work of the churches shall be recognized by the Association.

4th. Any member who endeavors to bring in or inject a disciplinary question that involves fellowship, before it has been passed upon by the local churches, shall be considered out of order by the church with whom the Association is being held, and by the messengers present from the sister churches.

5th. The Association shall be conducted for no purpose other than song, prayer, and preaching services, and no business shall be transacted by the Association except that which is necessary or sets forth the status of each church composing this body in the form of a minute.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MINISTERS & THEIR ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES	Rec. by Exp. and Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Sunday of Meeting	Contributions
High Hill.....	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va... Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	M. C. Mills, R-2, Monroe, N. C.....	1			1		2	2	51	1	$ 40.00
Pleasant Grove...	Elder C. M. Mills, Rt.-1, Box 124..... Charlotte, N. C.	A. E. Broome, R-2, Marshville, N. C...	1							55	2	45.50
Union Grove.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Loyd Outen, 1726 Chestnut St..... Charlotte, N. C.	2	2		2		1	2	100	2	63.50
Mt. Creek.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	G. C. Medlin, Albemarle, N. C.....	2						1	27	3	27.00
Liberty Hill.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Ellis Honeycutt, Oakboro, N. C.....			1				1	68	1	32.00
Lawyers Springs	Elder J. R. Wilson, Martinsville, Va... Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	Robert Horne, Peachland, N. C.....	2						2	76	1	45.50
Union.....	Elder P. J. Washburn, Martinsville, Va	W. R. Coley, R-1, Belmont, N. C.....				1		1		28	1	13.00
Bethel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	W. J. McLamb.....	1					2	1	47	4	25.00
High Point.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C. Elder J. P. Via	H. M. Willard, Marble Street,..... Winston-Salem, N. C.	3	1	2			1	1	104	4	45.00
Mills Chapel.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	C. J. Mullis, Kannapolis, N. C.....			2				1	24	3	13.50
Meadow Creek....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	R. M. Hatley, Oakboro, N. C.....								32	1	38.00
Watson.....	Elder C. M. Mills, Charlotte, N. C.....	Preston Helms, R-3, Marshville, N. C.							1	33	4	22.25
Pleasant Hill.....	Elder V. V. Willard, High Point, N. C.	W. E. Lucas, 1221 Northwood St.,..... Greensboro, N. C.	6							35	3	49.00
		TOTALS.....	18	3	5	4	0	7	12	639		$459.25

The one hundred and fifteenth session of the Original Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Association will convene with High Hill church, near Monroe, Union County, North Carolina, beginning on Friday before the third Sunday in September 1947 and continuing through Sunday.